

STATE OF IOWA
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
UTILITIES BOARD

IN RE: UNIVERSAL ACCESS, INC.	DOCKET NOS. TCU-00-6 WRU-00-17-3381
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**ORDER GRANTING APPLICATION, APPROVING CONCURRENCE IN MAP,
AND GRANTING WAIVERS**

(Issued April 25, 2000)

On February 10, 2000, Universal Access, Inc. (UAI), filed an application for issuance of a certificate of public convenience and necessity, pursuant to Iowa Code § 476.29 (1999), stating its intention to provide resold and facilities-based local exchange service in Iowa. UAI has not yet filed proposed tariffs.

Iowa Code § 476.29(2) (1999) provides that the local exchange carrier shall not be denied a certificate if the Utilities Board (Board) finds that the applicant "possesses the technical, financial, and managerial ability to provide the service it proposes to render and the board finds the service is consistent with public interest." The Board has carefully reviewed UAI's application and finds UAI has demonstrated that it has the necessary technical, financial, and managerial ability to provide local exchange service. It is in the public interest to grant a certificate to UAI.

UAI's application states it will concur in the exchange boundary maps of U S WEST Communications, Inc., which are on file with the Board. UAI has stated that it will implement 2-PIC technology for both intraLATA and interLATA dialing parity.

UAI requested a waiver of 199 IAC 16.5(2), which requires it to use a prescribed system of accounts, and 199 IAC 18.1, which requires it to maintain its books and records in Iowa. UAI stated it employs an accounting system in accordance with generally-accepted accounting principles and that those records are kept at its principle place of business in Illinois, but will be made available to the Board as necessary.

UAI also requested the Board waive 199 IAC 22.3(2) that requires it to independently publish a directory, stating that it will provide for the listing of its customers' telephone numbers in the appropriate local directory. The Board will grant UAI's request for waivers.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

1. The application for a certificate of public convenience and necessity filed by Universal Access, Inc., on February 10, 2000, is granted, subject to the requirement that follows.
2. At the time UAI files tariffs with the Board, it must give notice to all affected local exchange carriers. Upon approval of tariffs to reflect the prices, terms, and conditions of local exchange service in Iowa offered by UAI the Board will issue a certificate of public convenience and necessity allowing it to provide local exchange service in Iowa.
3. The concurrence in the U S West Communications, Inc. maps and boundaries by UAI is approved.

4. UAI's requests for waiver of 199 IAC 16.5(2), 18.1, and 22.3(1) are granted.

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/s/ Allan T. Thoms

/s/ Susan J. Frye

ATTEST:

/s/ Raymond K. Vawter, Jr. /s/ Diane Munns
Executive Secretary

Dated at Des Moines, Iowa, this 25th day of April, 2000.